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Attorney Docket Number

BA-U-COV-00010

First Named Inventor

Robert T. Bigelow

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Application Number

Filing Date

Art Unit

Examiner Name

I hereby declare that:

Each inventor's residence, mailing address, and citizenship are as stated below next to their name.

I believe the inventor(s) named below to be the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

COVER FOR USE WITH AN INFLATABLE MODULAR STRUCTURE

(Title of the Invention)

the specification of which



is attached hereto

OR



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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

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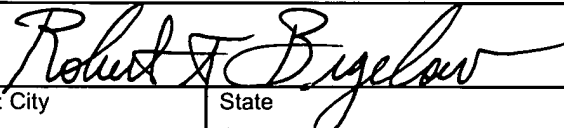
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First Named Inventor	Robert T. Bigelow
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Attorney Docket Number	BA-U-COV-00010

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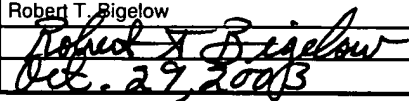
Assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71.

Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96)

SIGNATURE of Applicant or Assignee of Record

Name Robert T. Bigelow

Signature



Date

Oct. 29, 2003

Telephone

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NOTE: Signatures of all the inventors or assignees of record of the entire interest or their representative(s) are required. Submit multiple forms if more than one signature is required, see below.

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date of this petition.	:	PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL AND
Art Unit Number: Not yet assigned	:	ADVANCE EXAMINATION PURSUANT
Filing Date:	:	TO 37 CFR §1.102
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Robert T. Bigelow	:	
Title:	:	
Cover for use with an Inflatable	:	
Modular Structure	:	
Filing Date:	:	
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DECLARATION OF ROBERT T. BIGELOW

I, Robert T. Bigelow, do hereby declare:

1. I am the inventor of the cover for use with an inflatable modular structure invention.
2. I am President of Bigelow Aerospace (hereafter "Bigelow"), assignee of the cover for use with an inflatable modular structure invention.
3. Bigelow is developing an inflatable modular human habitat (hereafter "Modular Habitat") for use in Earth Orbit. The Modular Habitat has the advantage of having an inflatable shell that is less heavy than a solid shell per cubic meter of deployed volume and thus less expensive to place into orbit. Also, while a solid shell space station cannot expand to gain more internal volume, the inflatable shell can be inflated to provide more internal working space.
4. Bigelow is privately funded and receives no government funding or grants toward the development of the Modular Habitat.
5. Bigelow has expended tens of millions of dollars in the research and development of a Modular Habitat.

6. The module has a flexible and inflatable multi-layered shell covering a rigid structural core. The shell can be compressed allowing the module to fit as in the payload compartment of a number of conventional lifting vehicles. When the module is placed in orbit, the shell can be inflated to many times its compressed size. When inflated, the module has more internal volume than a typical hard shell space structure of a similar launch payload size. The extra volume of the inflatable module allows for more crewmembers, equipment, and experiments. Thus, more can be accomplished with a single launch of an inflatable module than can be done with a single hard shell module.
7. In preparation for launch, the inflatable shell is folded around the core of the module. This is done to insure that the shell and module can fit within the payload section of a launch vehicle. The internal surface of the shell is usually a thin material that acts as an air bladder. This layer is usually susceptible to damage by being brought into contact with a rough surface. To prevent damage to the shell, a plurality of covers are attached to the core of the module that provide a smooth surface for the folded air bladder.
8. These covers support the folded shell and add a further degree of structural support to the core.
9. Once deployed into space, the shell is inflated and the covers removed from the core and placed on the inside of the shell. In this configuration, the covers act as a foundation for supporting equipment, supplies or other items as necessary.
10. The covers make it possible for securing the vulnerable air bladder of the shell to the core for launch. After launch the covers are integral to the operation of equipment that could be used for cutting edge experiments.
11. The development of a space based platform for researching various areas of science offers vast potential for identifying breakthrough technologies. This is exemplified in an article by the American Geological Institute published in 1997 and provided herein as Attachment A. This document

was downloaded from <http://www.agiweb.org/legis105/spacstat.html>. Reference to this document does not mean that I subscribe to everything stated in the document. The document is being offered as support to specific areas that are pertinent to this declaration.

12. These areas include advances in the understanding and exploration of human health and development. (Attachment A, page 1, second paragraph).
13. One such area is that of investigating protein crystal growth in a micro-gravity environment. (Attachment A, page 3 starting at the last paragraph).
14. Material science is another area of research. (Attachment A, page 4 starting at the second full paragraph).
15. With the availability of more durable materials to produce items, the items last longer and there is less need for producing replacement items.
16. It is interesting to note that, in general, many manufacturing and production processes rely upon water and air in some fashion. For example, air is used to facilitate combustion in the production of electricity, which in turn powers many production and manufacturing facilities. Water is routinely used for cleaning or to distribute heat.
17. As to combustion technology, even a modest increase in efficiency will have a dramatic impact on the economy and the environment. For example, it is estimated that a 2% increase in burner efficiency would save the U.S. \$8 billion per year. Attachment A, page 3 starting at the second full paragraph.

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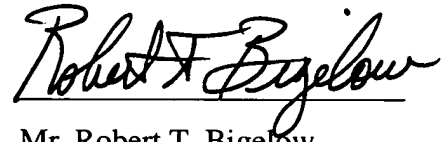
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18. Due to the current expense of placing a space station into orbit, these types of experiments are usually performed by governments. The Modular Habitat will widen the demographic range of people and entities that could afford such experiments and thereby allow access for space experimentation and exploration to a wider group.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the above is accurate and true to the best of my knowledge.

Executed at 1899 W. Brooks Avenue, North Las Vegas, NV 89032, on

Oct. 29, 2003.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Robert T. Bigelow". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Mr. Robert T. Bigelow
President
Bigelow Aerospace

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STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)

Applicant/Patent Owner: Bigelow Aerospace

Application No./Patent No.: _____ Filed/Issue Date: _____

Entitled: Cover for use with an Inflatable Modular Structure

Bigelow Aerospace, a LLC

(Name of Assignee)

(Type of Assignee, e.g., corporation, partnership, university, government agency, etc.)

states that it is:

1. ☒ the assignee of the entire right, title, and interest; or

2. ☐ an assignee of less than the entire right, title and interest.

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☒ Copies of assignments or other documents in the chain of title are attached.

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The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee.

Oct. 29, 2003
Date

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Telephone number

Robert T. Bigelow

Robert T. Bigelow
Signature

President, Bigelow Aerospace
Title

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